# **About This Update**

The City of Seattle's 2005 – 2008 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development guides the City's investment of the four Consolidated Plan funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It serves as the application to HUD for:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
- Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

This 2007 Update to the Consolidated Plan 1) **reviews** changing economic and budgetary environments since the 2005 – 2008 Plan was adopted; and 2) **describes** the City's response to those changes with regard to the four funds.

The Update is divided into the following sections.

#### Section 1: Introduction

This section describes the changing environment to which strategic changes respond.

## Section 2: Allocation and Revenue Data

Anticipated revenues are detailed here along with a summary of the allocation plan for the Consolidated Plan funds.

## Section 3: Update of Homelessness Needs Assessment

The most recent available figures of homelessness and the City's response to it are reviewed briefly here.

## Section 4: Updated Strategic Plan

This section outlines the City's response to the changing environment. Based on the strategy statements in the original 2005 – 2008 Plan, readers can use this section to see how the City will more effectively narrow and focus its use of Consolidated Plan funds to help end homelessness and expand economic development.

## Section 5: Revised Table of Proposed Projects

This Table provides the details of the City's activities with the 2007 Consolidated Plan funds. Included are specific funding levels and anticipated performance outcomes.

## Section 6: Revised Housing Policies

This document includes programmatic changes and technical adjustments to the homebuyer section of the City's Housing Policies (Appendix H to the 2003-2008 Consolidated Plan).

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Section 7: Revised Statement of Use of HOME funds
The City's use of HOME Investment Partnership (including funds from the
American Dream Downpayment Initiative) for 2007 is described in this section.

Section 8: Public Comments on the Proposed 2007 Update to the Consolidated Plan This document summarizes public comment received at the September 19, 2006 hearing before the Housing, Human Services and Health Committee of the Seattle City Council.

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